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Town Officers for 1955

Town Clerk

DOROTHY P. DAY	Term expires 1958
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Selectmen

ROGER H. LONERGAN, Chairman	Term expires 1956
WALTER W. NELSON	Term expires 1957
JOHN P. O'DONNELL	Term expires 1958

Assessors

W. FRANCIS BRENNAN	Term expires 1956
CHESTER M. ROOD, Chairman	Term expires 1957
LUDWICK SZCZUKA	Term expires 1958

Board of Public Welfare

WALTER G. CHAPMAN, resigned March 10, 1955	
ROGER H. LONERGAN, appointed March 19, 1955	
	Term expires 1956
DONALD C. AGAR, Chairman	Term expires 1957
MARGUERITE M. TROY, Clerk, resigned October 15, 1955	
	Term expires 1958

School Committee

PHILIP E. DWELLY	Term expires 1956
WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD, Chairman	Term expires 1957
MARY H. PARSONS, Clerk	Term expires 1958

Library Trustees

WINIFRED B. LANE, Chairman	Term expires 1956
RAYMOND H. FIELD	Term expires 1957
MALCOLM A. FOSS, Clerk	Term expires 1958

Cemetery Committee

FREDERICK G. STONE	Term expires 1956
ARTHUR WEBB, Chairman	Term expires 1957
NELSON E. MAYO	Term expires 1958

One Year Terms

Moderator

LEROY C. SPINNEY, resigned October 11, 1955

Tax Collector

WALTER G. CHAPMAN

Treasurer

WALTER G. CHAPMAN

Auditor

O. HAROLD ERICKSON

Tree Warden

RALPH T. YOUNG, JR.

Fence Viewers

WALTER W. NELSON

DONALD C. AGAR

VERNO S. TUCKER

Constables

STEPHEN L. BARR

LEONARD A. HARDY

HAROLD E. BLACK, JR.

WALTER W. NELSON

O. HAROLD ERICKSON

GEORGE H. PARKMAN

Measurers of Wood and Bark

ALFRED B. MORSE

WALTER A. WOODIS

CHARLES R. DEAN

Measurers of Lumber

ALFRED B. MORSE

WALTER A. WOODIS

CHARLES R. DEAN

Field Drivers

J. FRED ALLEN

JEROME D. MURPHY

FREDERICK G. STONE

Report of the TOWN CLERK

Vital Records of 1955

BIRTHS

February

- 19—June Rose Crawford, daughter of H. Roscoe and Cecile A. (Courteau) Crawford.
24—Jeffrey Malcolm Foss, son of Malcolm A. and Anne M. (Grime) Foss.

March

- 27—Paula Sue Dean, daughter of Howard S. and Ann F. (Sheldon) Dean.

April

- 4—William James Muir, Jr., son of William J. and Betty R. (Cole) Muir.
28—Stephen Bradford Burgess, son of Philip B. and Nancy G. (Fox) Burgess.
28—David Brewster Burgess, son of Philip B. and Nancy G. (Fox) Burgess.

September

- 2—Richard Paul Edwards, son of George L. and Hannah S. (Horstman) Edwards.

October

- 4—Rosemarie Louise Jamara, daughter of Stanley and Marie E. (Archambault) Jamara.
29—Melanie Lou Lindquist, daughter of Robert A. and Millicent R. (Crawford) Lindquist.

MARRIAGES

April

- 16—Norman E. Dwelly, Oakham, and Martha L. Proctor, Spencer.

June

- 18—Samuel F. H. Goodwin, Oakham, and Andrea E. Belcher, Barre.
18—Carl R. Nelson, Oakham, and Elizabeth A. Hardy, Oakham.

25—Ralph A. Dwelly, Oakham, and Pauline M. Berry,
North Brookfield.

September

3—Herman A. Spinney, Jr., Oakham, and Carol R. Burn-
ham, Worcester.

DEATHS

	Y	M	D
January			
27—Robert C. Dwelly	67	2	20
29—George W. Dean	55	2	28
March			
13—Bert S. Reed	77	8	23
April			
3—Irene M. Grenier	69	—	—
16—Everett L. Smith, Worcester	64	8	27
June			
1—Sara E. Butler	87	7	27
30—Oliver W. L. Wilkins	69	3	12
October			
29—William F. Ballard	95	2	6
December			
10—John H. Fitzpatrick	81	3	4

NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN TOWN

Date and Place of Death

March

17—Mary E. Lord, Oakland, California 82 — —

May

24—Edward H. Fellows, Miami, Florida 78 — —

August

11—Florence L. Caldwell, Cranston, R.I. 83 7 25

December

19—William A. Fobes, Worcester, Mass. 85 4 18

DOG LICENSES

70 males @ \$2.00	\$140 00
28 Females @ \$5.00	140 00
30 Spays @ \$2.00	60 00
128 dogs licensed	\$340 00

5 transfers issued	
Fees retained - 20c each	25 60
Net Return	314 40

Dog licenses expire March 31. New licenses may be obtained as early as the last week of March. Dogs must be licensed when they become three months of age. Mail orders receive prompt attention. Checks should be made out to the Town of Oakham.

A person who becomes the owner of a dog which has already been licensed for the year in another city or town, should, within 30 days secure a transfer license and local tag. A transfer should also be obtained when ownership changes in the same town.

If a tag is lost, a duplicate may be obtained for 10 cents.

SPORTING LICENSES

29 Fishing @ \$3.25	\$ 94 25
14 Hunting @ \$3.25	45 50
23 Sporting @ \$5.25	120 75
4 Minor Fishing @ \$1.25	5 00
8 Womens' Fishing @ \$2.25	18 00
1 Non-Resident 3-Day Fishing @ \$2.75	2 75
1 Duplicate @ \$.50	50
7 Sporting and Trapping (over 70 years)	Free
1 Old Age Assistance Fishing	Free
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88 licenses issued	\$286 75
Fees retained, 25c each except duplicate and free	19 75
Net Return	\$267 00

Sporting licenses for 1956 are the same in form and price as last year. Sportsmen should display the license in the plastic holder provided, on the outer clothing at all times while fishing, hunting or trapping.

Minors under fifteen years of age may not have a hunting license. All applications from minors fifteen to eighteen years of age must be in writing and accompanied by the written consent of parent or guardian. In addition, every applicant must comply with ONE of the following requirements.

- (a) A written statement that at all times when hunting or target practicing other than on a duly recognized range, the minor shall be accompanied by a person twenty-one years of age or older;
- (b) Evidence that said minor has held a license authorizing him to hunt in the state in a prior year;

- (c) Or a certificate of competency from a safety firearms course approved by the Division of Law Enforcement if such minor has been a resident of this Commonwealth for at least six months and is a citizen of the United States.

Forms to help minors comply with these requirements may be obtained from the clerk.

RECORDING OF MORTGAGES

Thirty-one personal property mortgages were recorded during 1955.

Action Taken at Town Meetings During 1955

March 7, 1955

Votes on election of officers, appropriations, and routine articles have been omitted.

IT WAS VOTED

Article 1

That the reports of the several town officers be accepted as printed.

Article 9

That the sum of \$2,500 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account, not over \$1,500 of this amount to be used for the purchase of a sand body and spreader, and the balance to be used for ordinary maintenance expenses.

Article 10

That the trust fund of \$100 received from Peter P. J. Morris for the care of Lot 68, Pine Grove Cemetery, be accepted.

Article 11

That the sum of \$1,100 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway maintenance and that, in addition, the sum of \$12,100 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 12

That the sum of \$1,600 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 maintenance and that, in addition, the sum of \$3,200 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and the County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 13

That the sum of \$3,000 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 high-

way construction and that, in addition, the sum of \$9,000 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury, said funds to be used for improvements on South and Spencer Roads.

Article 14

That the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated from surplus revenue to be used by the assessors in figuring the 1955 tax rate, same to help reduce the tax rate in 1955.

Article 18

To pass over the article relating to the raising and appropriating of \$1,200 to improve and oil a section of Scott Road.

Article 19

That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to petition the director of accounts for the installation of an accounting system in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended.

Article 20

To pass over the article relating to the raising and appropriating of a certain sum of money for making necessary repairs to the Fobes Memorial Library Building.

Article 21

That the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus and transferred to the Selectmen's Reserve Fund.

April 18, 1955

Article 1

That the vote at the annual town meeting of March 7, 1955, on that part of Article 13 by which the sum of \$9,000 was transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of improvements to South and Spencer Roads, under Chapter 90 construction be rescinded.

Article 2

That the town appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$5,000 to be used by the assessors together with an equal amount appropriated at the annual town meet-

ing of March 7, 1955, for the purpose of reducing the tax rate in 1955.

Article 3

That the selectmen be authorized to purchase the General 1929 fire truck, complete with equipment, which is to be disposed of by the U. S. Veterans' Administration, the funds for this purchase to be taken from the regular fire department appropriation.

July 18, 1955

Article 1

That the sum of \$1,000 be transferred from the highway machinery fund to the highway machinery account.

December 30, 1955

Article 1

That the question, "Shall the town have its selectmen act as the Board of Public Welfare?" be placed on the official ballot for the annual town meeting to be held March 5, 1956.

Article 2

That the sum of \$700 be transferred from the Public Welfare Disability Assistance Account to the Snow Removal and Sanding Account.

Article 3

That the sum of \$300 be transferred from the Fire Insurance Account to the Town Officers' Supplies Account, not over \$250 of this amount to be used for the purchase of an electric adding machine and the balance to be used for regular operating expenses.

All votes were unanimous.

DOROTHY P. DAY, Clerk

Annual Report of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APPOINTMENTS

Inspector of Animals	W. Francis Brennan
Inspector of Slaughtering	W. Francis Brennan
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Frederick G. Stone
Fire Warden	Leonard A. Hardy
Moth Superintendent	J. Fred Allen
Burial Agent	Arthur Webb
Janitor of Town Hall	Winthrop W. Boyd
Dog Officer	Waclaw Smichinski
Veterans Agent	Anthony A. Lupa
Superintendent of Streets	Ralph T. Young, Jr.
Wire Inspector	Ralph L. Downer
Civilian Defense Director	W. Francis Brennan
Town Counsel	Ralph W. Igoe
Chief of Police	Walter W. Nelson

Special Police Officers

Harold E. Black	O. Harold Erickson
Frederick G. Stone	Leonard A. Hardy
Walter E. Cole	William A. Wareing

Jurors

George W. Stone	Contractor
Eugene A. Cheruby	Retired Millworker
Alexander B. Crawford	Farmer
Dorothy P. Day	Homemaker
Willard C. Rutherford	Poultry Farmer
Charles S. Thurlow	Inspector, Economic Mach. Co.
Verno S. Tucker	Foundry Foreman

Licenses and Permits Issued

6 Pistol Permits

PROJECTS and ACCOMPLISHMENTS

While no new projects were started during the year the regular functions of the town government were carried on as usual.

The reconstruction of South and Spencer roads under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws was continued and by the end of the year a total of 2,200 linear feet of road had been substantially completed. The total cost of this work was \$17,257.13 of which \$8,545.15 will be reimbursed by the State and \$4,272.58 by the County.

Application has been made to the State and County for an allotment of \$9,000 to be used together with \$3,000 of town funds to continue this work during 1956.

The heavy rains of August 18 and 19 of this year did considerable damage to several of the town's roads, culverts, and bridges. However by the end of the year all roads with the exception of Robinson Road had been repaired and were in as good condition as before the flood.

The total cost of these repairs was \$6,878.92 of which \$3,320.95 has been repaid by the U. S. Army Corps, and the balance will be reimbursed by the State.

It is our understanding that the bridge on Robinson Road will be rebuilt by the State.

Other accomplishments included the participation by the Town in the State's program of aerial spraying of gypsy moths, removal and disposal of several elm trees infected with the Dutch elm disease and improvements to the Fobes Memorial Library building and the heating system at Center School.

Major items of equipment purchased during the year consisted of a fire truck for the Fire Department and an automatic sander for the Highway Department.

FINANCES

A total of 29 selectmen's warrants were approved during the year authorizing the payment of \$133,244.94 of which \$117,792.37 was for ordinary operating expenses, \$3,052.57 represented the payment to the Federal and County governments of money collected for withholding and dog taxes and retirement expenses, \$400.00 consisted of deposits of cemetery perpetual care funds and \$12,000.00 was for repayment of temporary loans.

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The operating expenses were distributed as follows:

Classification	Total Expended	Percent of Total
General Government	\$ 3,930 19	3.3
Protection to Persons and Property	2,176 08	1.8
Health and Sanitation	85 00	0.1
Highways	42,266 89	35.9
Welfare and Charities	14,155.87	12.0
Schools and Libraries	36,571.85	31.1
Cemeteries	831 49	0.7
State charges, assessments, etc.	13,716 75	11.6
Unclassified	4,058 25	3.5
Totals	<hr/> \$117,792.37	<hr/> 100.0

A chart showing a comparison of these expenses may be found on the following page.

Receipts

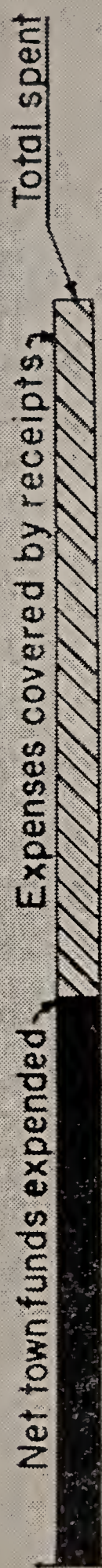
Received for	
Key safe, formerly used by Ration Board	\$25 00
Old fire truck	12 00
Pistol permits	3 00
Use of Memorial Hall Basement	1 00
Total received and turned over to Treasurer	<hr/> \$41 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER H. LONERGAN
JOHN P. O'DONNELL
WALTER W. NELSON

Board of Selectmen

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES



CLASSIFICATION

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS EXPENDED

0 10 20 30 40 50

General Government

Protection to Pers. & Prop.

Health & Sanitation

Schools & Education

Highways

Welfare & Charities

Cemeteries

Assessments & Taxes etc.

Unclassified

0 10 20 30 40 50

Report of THE TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand, Jan. 1st, 1955	\$ 57,733 82	
Received from all sources	134,482 76	
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants		133,245 04
Cash on hand Dec. 31st, 1955		58,971 54
	<hr/> \$192,216 58	<hr/> \$192,216 58

TRUST FUNDS

Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1955	\$38,216 44	
Mass. Invest. Tr. Stock Dividend	109 32	
Cemetery Perpetual care funds	400 00	
Interest Perpetual care accounts	616 22	
Interest on Bonds and Bank	39 17	
Interest on Library Trust Acct.	486 86	
Withdrawal on Cemetery Funds		313 29
Withdrawal on Library Funds		778 88
Balance on hand Dec. 31st, 1955		38,757 84
	<hr/> \$39,868 01	<hr/> \$39,868 01

SUMMARY OF TOWN TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

Cash on hand 1-1-55 all sources	\$57,733 82
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ALDEN FUND

Dividends and bank interest	499 92
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CEMETERIES

Annual Care	67 00	
Sale of Lots	10 00	
From Perpetual care funds	400 00	
Drawn from Perpetual care accounts	331 40	
	<hr/>	808 40

COUNTY TREASURER

Dog Tax Refund (Library)	223 00	
Aid to Highways	2,247 95	
	<hr/>	\$2,470 95

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fees and Permits	16 50
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Machine Rental	4,066 30	
Refund on Comp. Insurance	25 72	
	<hr/>	\$4,092 02

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LIBRARY

Fines	\$24 50	
Trust Funds	778 88	
	<hr/>	\$ 803 38

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Received from Lunches and State and Federal Grants	3,442 85
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SELECTMEN and BOARD OF HEALTH

Licenses and permits	44 00
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TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Federal Grants O.A.A. Aid	\$ 4,507 60	
Federal Grants A.D.C. Aid	149 72	
Federal Grants, D.A. Aid	762 87	
State O.A.A. Acct.	3,679 87	
State A.D.C. Acct.	87 52	
State D.A. Acct.	296 43	
Income Tax	1,071 61	
O.A.A. Meal Tax	240 30	
Schools, Chapter No. 70	5,500 00	
Corporation Tax	1,680 00	
Live Stock Control	17 50	
Lieu of Taxes	4,178 06	
Aid to Highways	18,203 24	
General Relief Acct.	633 75	
High School Transportation	8,784 00	
School Supt. Salary	193 33	
Vocational Training	173 70	
Hurricane Relief	834 96	
	<hr/>	\$ 50,994 46

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

3,320 95

SCHOOLS

Refund	48 43
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MEMORIAL HALL

Rent	1 00
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INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT

Refund from Chap. No. 90 Con.	57 83
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TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Interest and fees collected	11 41	
Tax Titles redeemed	56 02	
	<hr/>	\$ 67 43

AGENCIES

Federal Withholding Taxes	2,388 39	
Worcester County Ret. System	379 17	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,767 56

TOWN CLERK

Dog Taxes		316 20
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Refund on Relief Account	45 76	
O.A.A. Cities and Towns	128 91	
	<hr/>	\$ 174 67

BANKS

Wor. Co. Trust Co.	\$24,000 00	
Savings Bank Interest	649 59	
	<hr/>	\$ 24,649 59

TAXES

Tax Collector		39,906 62
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		\$192,216 58

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. CHAPMAN, Treasurer

Report of the TAX COLLECTOR

1951—Outstanding 1-1-55		\$	49 08
Paid to Treasurer	\$	49 08	
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1952—Outstanding 1-1-55		\$	46 98
Refund			47 60
Assessors Abatement	49 60		
Tax Title	6 80		
Paid Treasurer	38 18		
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	94 58		94 58
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1953—Outstanding 1-1-55		\$	1,100 58
Refund			2 00
Abatements	4 00		
Paid Treasurer	1,098 58		
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	\$ 1,102 58	\$	1,102 58
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1954—Outstanding 1-1-55		\$	5,067 21
Assessors Abatements	31 88		
Paid Treasurer	5,011 45		
Outstanding 1-31-55	23 88		
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	\$ 5,067 21	\$	5,067 21
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1955—Assessors' Commitments		\$	34,054 19
Refunds after payment			134 00
Assessors' Abatements	566 88		
Paid Treasurer	26,068 15		
Outstanding 12-31-55	7,553 16		
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	\$ 34,188 19	\$	34,188 19
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Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise

1952—Outstanding 1-1-55		\$	9 21
Abatements	\$	8 21	
Paid Treasurer		1 00	
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	\$	9 21	\$ 9 21
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1953—Outstanding 1-1-55		\$	59 54
Abatement	\$	2 00	
Paid Treasurer		57 54	
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	\$	59 54	\$ 59 54
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1954—Outstanding 1-1-55		\$	1,661 12
Assessors' Commitments			198 75
Refunds			1 89
Abatements	\$	33 22	
Paid Treasurer		1,822 71	
Outstanding 12-31-55		5 83	
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	\$	1,861 76	\$ 1,861 76
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1955—Assessors' Warrants		\$	6,025 41
Abatements	\$	327 86	
Paid Treasurer		5,406 68	
Outstanding 12-31-55		290 87	
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	\$	6,025 41	\$ 6,025 41
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Interest and Costs

Total collected		\$	360 25
Paid to Treasurer	\$	350 25	

Summary

Total Taxes Collected		\$	32,258 44
Total Collected on Motor Vehicle Excise			7,287 93
Total Interest and Costs collected			360 25
Paid to Treasurer	\$	39,906 62	
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	\$	39,906 62	\$ 39,906 62
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Respectfully submitted,

W. G. CHAPMAN, Tax Collector

**Report of the
TOWN AUDITOR**

This certifies that I have audited all bills submitted and approved by the Board of Selectmen, for the ensuing year, and have audited the books and accounts of Town Treasurer and Tax Collector, Library and Librarians petty cash account.

Respectfully submitted,

O. HAROLD ERICKSON,

Auditor

Report of the CHIEF OF POLICE

Appropriation	\$ 150 00
Expended	70 50

Cases Investigated

Breaking and entering	4
Breaking and entering to commit larceny	6
Attempted larceny by check	2
Disturbing the peace	2
Assault	1
Violation of parole	1
Cruelty to animals	1
Driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated	1
Automobile accidents	3
Hit and run driving	2
Transfers of Motor Vehicles Recorded	16
Summons Served	7
Arrests for Breaking and Entering	1
Warrants for Arrests	4

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. NELSON, Chief of Police

Report of the FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 1,500 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	86 76
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Total Available	\$ 1,586 76
Total Expended	\$ 1,586 76

Fires Reported to During the Year

- 4 Chimney
- 5 Brush and grass
- 4 at Town Dump
 - Twice to extinguish fire
 - Twice to burn out dump
- 3 Building
- 1 Checking call from fire tower.

The estimated loss from building fires during 1955 was \$1,7000.00 During the floods of August 19, the Fire Department had two crews out with portable pumps pumping out cellars and wells until 11:30 P.M.

From August 19th to August 31st, the Fire Department pumped out 34 cellars and wells.

Permits Issued During 1955

- 2 Range oil
- 6 Oil burner installations
- 9 L.P. Gas
- 7 Oil storage
- 8 Blasting
- 1 Gasoline storage

A total of \$16.50 in permit fees were collected and turned over to the Treasurer.

In June, the Fire Department took delivery of a big General 750 GPM pumper from the Veterans Administration at the Rutland Heights Veteran's Hospital. This truck was purchased from the regular Fire Department appropriation.

The big pumper has tremendous capacity and means we can handle a pretty large fire without calling in outside help.

The Department has purchased several adapters for the pumper so that with one or two portable pumps, we feel

we can meet most any situation as far as getting water to a fire, provided water is available.

The old Maxim truck was sold by the Selectmen as we did not feel we could afford to maintain and insure three trucks.

Again we want to thank the people of the Town for their fine support and cooperation.

LEONARD A. HARDY,

Chief of Fire Department

Report of the MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Moth Suppression

Appropriation	\$	210 00
Expended		177 30

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriated	\$	205 00
Expended	\$	193 42

Twelve elm trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease were cut down and destroyed by Town and Department of Conservation crews.

Also four infected elms on Metropolitan District Commission property were cut down and destroyed by the M.D.C. crew.

An area in Oakham north of Route 122 was included in the gypsy moth aerial spray program carried out by the Department of Conservation. A survey of the area covered indicates that the program was very effective.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRED ALLEN, Moth Superintendent

Report of the WIRE INSPECTOR

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Expended		5 00

In the year 1955 I have inspected and passed the following:

- 2 Oil burner installations
- 1 House installation and wiring

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH I. DOWNER, Wire Inspector

Report of the BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Expended		25 00

Licenses and Permits Issued

1 Recreational Camp License	\$	50
1 Common Victualers License		50
1 Permit to sell ice cream, tonic and confectionaries on Sunday		50
4 Licenses to sell milk and cream		2 00
1 License to sell margarine		50

Total received and turned over to the Treasurer	\$	4 00
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Cases Investigated

- 1 Dog bite report
- 1 Violation of garbage handling law
- 1 Water contamination
- 1 Complaint of Town Dump (New signs installed)

Outpatient Examinations 4 (Worcester County Hospital)		5
Cases of Contagious Diseases Reported		5
Permits to Return to School Issued		4

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. NELSON
ROGER H. LONERGAN
JOHN P. O'DONNELL

Report of the Trustees of the FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$ 800 00
Received from the refund on Dog Taxes	223 00
Transferred from Income of Trust Funds	778 88
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Total Available	\$ 1,801 88
Total Expended	\$ 1,801 88

Some major repairs to the Library have been made; rebuilding the front steps, replacing flooring and supports, and laying a new tile entrance. The beautiful oak paneling of the entrance has been skilfully restored by Mr. Ralph Daniels. The inviting interior of our library and the enthusiastic interest of our Librarian, Mrs. Wilbur, are making the Library an active factor in our town life and we are happy to know that so many of you are taking advantage of it.

WINIFRED B. LANE, Chairman

RAYMOND H. FIELD

MALCOLM A. FOSS, Clerk

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Fobes Memorial Library:

The assistance provided in June, to clean the shelves and books was appreciated.

At the close of the school year, twenty-six State Reading Certificates were issued this year.

A new group took part this year.

Eight pupils from the fifth grade received the Five-Book State Reading Certificate, having read five non-fiction books and made book reports on the same.

Honor-State Reading Certificates were issued, to eighteen pupils from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, having read and made reports, on twenty books, five of which were non-fiction.

The story hour, this year was divided into four groups. Children from three to six years of age, were entertained by Mrs. Myrtle Dwelly. Fifteen children enrolled. An average of eight children attended.

The second group, were first and second grade children entertained by Mrs. Lois Hodgkinson. Fourteen were enrolled. An average of nine children attended.

These two groups, met every Thursday, from two to three o'clock, for eight weeks.

Miss Dorothy Day entertained the third and fourth grade children. Thirteen enrolled, with an average attendance of six children.

Mrs. Margaret Lincoln entertained the fifth and sixth grade children. Seven enrolled, with an average attendance of four.

These last two groups met for six weeks, every Thursday afternoon from three to four o'clock.

The final day, after the story program, each entertainer was hostess to her group, serving cookies and ice cream.

We are all grateful to Mrs. Dwelly, Mrs. Hodgkinson, Miss Day and Mrs. Lincoln, and to the mothers, who helped, by bringing children other than their own, thus assisting

in making the season a successful one.

There are two-hundred forty applicants for library cards.

127 adults	91 children
3 summer residents	1 summer resident
9 non-residents	9 non-residents
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139 adult	101 children

Total 240

These application cards are issued for three years.

Thus the non-resident numbers.

There were 5,226 books in circulation.

ADULT	YOUTH,	GRADE Pre-school, 1st Gr.
532 fiction	1917 fiction	1743 fiction
249 non-fiction	506 non-fiction	170 non-fiction
109 loan	3 loan	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>	1913
890 adult books	2426	

890 adult books Total children's books 4339

Total 5226

Showing an increase in adult circulation of 148 books, over last year's report.

And an increase of 600 books in the children's division this year. It is interesting to note, out of the 4339 books issued to the children this year, 676 of those were non-fiction books.

Books Accessioned

42 adult books purchased	100 children's books
106 adult books given	purchased
<hr/>	37 children's books given
148 adult books	<hr/>
	137 children's books

Total 285 books

The thirty seven children's books were given by, Darlene Lupa, James Lupa, Jay Sampson, Ellen Dermody, George Butler, Mary Ellen Mann, Sandra Szczuka, Mrs. Troy, Mrs. Grace Rood and Mrs. Shepard.

The one-hundred-six adult books were given by Mr. Frederick Lane, Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Etta Wilkins, Mrs. Grace Rood, Mrs. Vera Dean, Mr. John Neelley, Mrs. Troy, Mrs. Grimes, Mr. Edward Young, Mr. Albert Parkman, Mr. Lee Conant, and Mrs. Robert Szczuka.

Mr. Russell Dean, Mr. Charles Dean, Mr. Howard Dean, and Mrs. Augusta Dean, gave two books, in loving memory of their aunt, Mrs. Emma Tracy, who was a former librarian, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hanson of Hardwick, Mass., gave three books in memory of their dear friend, and ours, Mr. George Dean.

A book from American Legion Post No. 378, was presented to the Trustees, by Commander O. Harold Erickson.

There were many westerns from the Grace White Collection. We thank all these kind folks, for the books given to Fobes Memorial Library.

We have twenty-three magazines on the reading table. I wish to express appreciation, for the gift subscriptions from the Congregational Church, Grange and the P-TA organizations.

There were six hundred eighty-one magazines in circulation. It is a great joy, and pleasure, to greet, and serve the pupils, teachers, and local people, each week on Thursday afternoon and evening.

In closing, I wish to pay respect to the memory of Miss Sara Butler who served as librarian many years. To the untiring effort, and many contacts she made to bring about improvement and prosperity during those years. Her ever pleasant smile and cheerful words, will long be remembered by those who worked with her, and with whom she came in contact as librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LILA WILBUR, Librarian

Fobes Memorial Library — December 1955

Report of the BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Account	Town Funds	Total
	Expended	Expended
Old Age Assistance	\$ 6,009 11	\$ 10,790 10
Disability Assistance	760 25	1,408 05
Aid to Dependent Children	223 60	452 90
General Relief	1,284 58	1,284 58
Administration	115 05	220 24

The Board of Public Welfare is pleased to report that the first year of operation as a member of the Quaboag Welfare District has been very satisfactory.

The cost of Administration has been sharply reduced as shown in the report of the Prudential Committee and the work has been carried on efficiently and impartially by the staff of the District.

Inasmuch as the duties of the Board are now largely routine, it is our recommendation that in order to save some expense and duplication of work and to give a more workable set up, the duties of the Board of Public Welfare be turned over to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD C. AGAR
MARGUERITE M. TROY
ROGER H. LONERGAN

Board of Public Welfare

Report of the PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE QUABOAG WELFARE DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1955

The Prudential Committee welcomes this opportunity to present its first Annual Report since the formation of the Quaboag Welfare District. The work has been done more efficiently because of a sufficient number of experienced personnel.

There has been a substantial saving in administrative expenditures.

Comparison

	1954 Prior to District	1955 Under District	Balance 12-31-55
OAKHAM	\$ 430 60	\$ 195 51	\$ 9 68
East Brookfield	737 15	381 32	7 84
North Brookfield	2,944 82	1,067 73	307 27
Hardwick	2,147 83	549 01	0 00
		(9 mos.)	

The North Brookfield Treasurer pays all administrative costs, each town paying its share according to the total case load after Federal reimbursement of 50% and 33½% from the State have been deducted, reducing administrative costs to approximately 1/6 of the total.

All home visits have been made and all cases have been brought up to date.

Several Old Age recipients were found to be eligible for social security benefits, saving the town a minimum of \$30.00 per month for each recipient who qualified.

The Committee takes this opportunity to congratulate the Agent, Mr. George H. Deotte, and his staff for a difficult task well done, with courtesy and understanding to everyone concerned.

Prudential Committee:	Administrative Staff:
Silvieau Ledoux, Chairman North Brookfield	George H. Deotte, Agent Yvonne S. Barr, Social Worker
Roger H. Lonergan, Clerk, Oakham	Marjorie S. Flandreau, Sr. Clerk
Charles J. Woodis, East Brookfield	M. Alice Ledoux, Jr. Clerk
Romeo Kardas, Hardwick	

QUABOAG WELFARE DISTRICT

Town Hall, 185 Main Street

North Brookfield, Mass.

Tel. No. Brookfield VO 7-6727

The Board of Public Welfare, Bureau of Old Age Assistance and Divisions of Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance reports are included with the financial reports of the town officials.

Report of the CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSOCIATION

for the year ending December 31, 1955

Land and Buildings	\$ 14,000 00	
Deposit in Savings Banks	12,533 48	
3 U. S. Bonds	2,570 00	
Personal Property	4,392 00	
Amount Receivable from Towns,	878 62	
Cash in Warden's Account	300 00	
Balance in checking account	2,509 98	
	<hr/>	\$ 37,184 08

Receipts

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 960 42	
Income from Farm	830 42	
Windstorm Insurance	130 00	
Received from Towns and Boarders	\$ 18,522 36	
	<hr/>	\$ 20,443 20

Expenditures

Bills paid	\$ 17,928 20	
Bank charges	5 02	
Bank balance, Dec. 31, 1955	2,509 98	
	<hr/>	\$ 20,443 20

DONALD R. PERKINS, President

LESTER P. GATES

Secretary and Treasurer

CARL F. DAVIS, Auditor

Report of the HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Account	Available	Expended
Chapter 81 Maint.	\$ 13,200 00	\$ 13,199 21
Chapter 90 Maint.	4,800 00	4,794 37
Chapter 90 Const.	19,289 59	17,257 13
Snow Removal and Sanding	3,700 00	3,262 86
Purchase and Maintenance	3,500 00	3,324 32
Emergency Flood Relief not to exceed	10,000 00	6,878 92

The following is a summary of the work done on roads and streets of the Town of Oakham during the year ending December 31, 1955.

Chapter 81 Maintenance

Ordinary maintenance work including cutting brush, scraping, patching, gravelling, and maintaining and improving the road drainage, was carried on as usual during the year. Also the following additional work was completed with Chapter 81 funds:

- Lupa Road, 1000 feet oil treated
- Rutherford Rd., 540 feet oil treated
- Happy Hollow Road, 1100 feet oil treated
- Gaffney Road, 740 feet oil treated
- Scott Road, 900 feet oil treated
- South Road - widened intersection at North Brookfield Rd.
- Crawford Road — reduced grade and increased sight distance at Lupa Rd.
- Crocker Nye Rd. widened and regraded

Cost Breakdown

Brush	\$ 1,738 49
Drainage	1,398 50
Grading	956 82
Gravelling	3,450 40
Patching	1,255 16
Scraping	350 00
Surface treatment	3,966 29
Signs	83 55
Total	<hr/> \$ 13,199 21

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Work completed under Chapter 90 Maintenance included the installation of a drainage system at the junction of the Old Turnpike Road and Route 122 and patching and surface treatment of sections of the various Chapter 90 Roads.

Cost Breakdown

Surface Treatment	\$	3,848	98
Drainage		627	99
Patching		225	40
Replacing Guard Posts		92	00
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Total	\$	4,794	37

Chapter 90 Construction

Construction under Chapter 90 during the year was started at the Oakham-Spencer town line and carried on along South Road for a distance of approximately 1700 feet and along Spencer Road for a distance of 500 feet from the junction of South and Spencer Roads.

Equipment

The following is a list of the major items of equipment owned by the town at the end of the year: ,

- 1 1953 Ford F-6 Truck
- 1 Ferguson tractor
- 1 Tractor mower
- 1 Good Roads Automatic sander
- 1 Wagner loader
- 1 Sander
- 4 Snow plows
- 1 Power grindstone

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH T. YOUNG, JR.

Highway Superintendent

Report of the
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Appropriation		\$	500 00
Transferred from Income of Trust Funds			331 49
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Total Available		\$	831 49
Expended for labor	\$	597 45	
Repairs to equipment		50 12	
New Equipment		134 45	
Supplies		15 97	
Excavation		12 00	
Office Expenses and Mileage		21 50	
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Total Expended	\$	831 49	
Received for Annual Care of Lots			67 00
Perpetual Care Bequests			400 00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR WEBB, Secretary

Report of the OAKHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the year ending December 31, 1955

Appropriated	\$ 35,890 43	\$ 35,890 43
Expenditures	34,246 59	
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Unused Balance	1,643 84	
Receipts	14,635 76	
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	\$ 16,279 60	\$ 16,279 60
		<hr/>
Actual Cost to Town		\$ 19,610 83
Receipts		
Chapter 70	\$ 5,484 73	
Transportation	2,784 00	
Superintendent	193 33	
Vocational Aid	173 70	
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	\$ 14,635 76	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary H. Parsons, Secretary	Term expires 1958
Philip Dwelly	Term expires 1956
Willard C. Rutherford, Chairman	Term expires 1957

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William H. Buker	Holden, Mass.
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge	Holden, Mass.
Mrs. Addie P. Wentworth	Holden, Mass.

TEACHERS

Mrs. Esther G. Hawkes	Grades VI, VII, VIII
Mrs. Winifred B. Lane	Grades III, IV, V
Miss Helena K. Rutherford	Grades I, II

SUPERVISORS

Mrs. Dorothea S. Roth (resigned July 1955)	ART
Lawrence J. Lesser (appointed August 1955)	ART
Miss Ruth S. Innes (Leave of absence	

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Sept. 1, 1955 — Sept. 1, 1956)	MUSIC
Arnold M. Reppucci (appointed August 1955)	MUSIC
Rinehart Handwriting System	PENMANSHIP

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Channing H. Washburn, M.D.	Paxton, Mass.
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SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan, R.N.	Holden, Mass.
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BUS DRIVERS

Leonard A. Hardy	John O'Donnell
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ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Donald Agar	Oakham, Mass.
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term	January 3 through February 17, 1956
Spring Term	February 27 through April 18, 1956
Summer Term	April 23 through June 8, 1956
Fall Term	September 5 through December 21, 1956

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

March 30, 1956	Good Friday
May 30, 1956	Memorial Day
October 12, 1956	Columbus Day
November 2, 1956	Teachers' Convention
November 12, 1956	Veterans' Day
November 22, 23, 1956	Thanksgiving Recess

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP DWELLY
WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD
MARY H. PARSONS, Secretary

School Committee

Report of the SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the citizens of Oakham:

According to the records this is the fifty-sixth of the series.

The committee has installed equipment in the classrooms to equalize the heating system.

Playground equipment has been purchased and will be delivered and placed for use as soon as the weather permits.

Mrs. Shirley Wareing took over as manager of the school lunch program in September. The number of participants remains at a high level. Over 60% of the pupils purchase a complete lunch at the cost of twenty-five cents. The lunches served meet the requirements of the State as to service and calorie needs by each child. Mrs. Wareing is managing this program in a very efficient manner. On December 31, there was a balance of \$329.23 in this account.

The three experienced and efficient classroom teachers, Mrs. Esther G. Hawkes, Grades VI, VII and VIII; Mrs. Winifred B. Lane, Grades III, IV and V; and Miss Helena K. Rutherford, Grades I and II are still in the system.

Miss Ruth S. Innes, music supervisor, is on leave of absence. She is teaching children of the Air Force personnel stationed somewhere in France. Arnold M. Reppucci is serving as substitute instructor.

Mrs. Dorothea S. Roth, art supervisor moved from the area so she resigned in July. Lawrence J. Lesser was elected to fill this vacancy.

The Committee has added another bus route. This means that several of the pupils will be able to remain a longer time in school in the afternoon. The cost to the town will be no greater. The cost of transportation to the town is based upon the number of pupils transported and not on the number of routes. The conveyors are Leonard A. Hardy, John O'Donnell, Mrs. Alice Foley, Mrs. Mary H. Parsons, Miss Bertha Fontaine and Willard C. Rutherford. The students are fortunate in having such efficient conveyors. The total number of pupils transported are —

Grades I to VIII	85
High School	26
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Total	111

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Enrollment:

Center School	Grades I & II	28
	Grades III, IV & V	32
	Grades VI, VII & VIII	31
High School		26
Total		<hr/> 117

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan, school nurse, and Dr. Channing H. Washburn have examined the pupils and made recommendations where needed to the parents concerning the physical condition of their children. During the year the usual clinics were held.

The School Committee has had monthly meetings with the Superintendent of Schools. At these meetings policies are formed and the results of what goes on in the classrooms are discussed.

During the year we have had so called workshops for the teachers of the Union. Teachers of the same grade spent a day studying the Curriculum. This is one method of improving instruction.

The State Report for the year ending June 30, 1955 showed,

1. Cost per pupil \$185 79	Net cost to Oakham \$136 34
2. Cost of transportation \$9,339	Net cost to Oakham \$555 00
3. Salary of Superintendent and Travel	\$370 04
Net cost to Oakham	\$176 71

In closing, again may I thank the Committee, town officials and citizens for the able assistance they have given me the past year.

WILLIAM H. BUKER,

Superintendent of School Union No. 26

ENROLLMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1955

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Totals
Boys	5	9	5	4	6	4	7	5	46
Girls	5	9	6	5	6	6	3	6	45
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	10	18	11	9	12	10	10	11	91

SCHOOL CENSUS — October 1, 1955

	Boys	Girls	Totals
5 to 7 years of age	12	8	20
7 to 16 years of age	43	49	92
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	55	57	112

ELEMENTARY GRADUATES — JUNE 1955

Lowell Vance Arms	Albert Rudolph Fontaine
Effie May Crawford	Donald Robert Hardy
Jordan Allan Dean	Mae Sally Hardy
	Timothy Edward Narrow

TUITION STUDENTS

NORTH BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Patricia Foley, Grade XII	Joan Nahkala, Grade X
Arthur Bealand, Grade XI	Sandra Wells, Grade X
Ruth Wells, Grade XI	Timothy Narrow, Grade IX
Judith Foley, Grade X	James Zelnia, Grade IX

WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Valena Bechan, Grade XII	Joan Butler, Grade X
Beverly Gallant, Grade XII	Patricia Dalton, Grade X
Marilyn Parsons, Grade XII	Barbara Hutchins, Grade X
Virginia Rutherford,	Leslie LaCount, Grade X
Grade XII	Leslie Downer, Grade X
Shirley Crawford, Grade XI	Lowell V. Arms, Grade IX
Vivian Crawford, Grade XI	Jordan A. Dean, Grade IX
Paul R. Downer, Grade XI	Effie Crawford, Grade IX
Nancy Rutherford, Grade XI	Albert Fontaine, Grade IX
	Donald Hardy, Grade IX

WORCESTER BOYS' TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Leonard W. Hardy

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OFFICIALS

of the

TOWN OF OAKHAM

For the financial year ending

DECEMBER 31, 1955

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EXPENDITURES

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

Appropriation Accounts

Account	Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance
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General Government

Town Officer's Salaries	\$ 2,020 00	\$ 2,020 00	\$ 0 00
Town Officer's Supplies	650 00	598 93	51 07
Bonding Town Officers	100 00	98 75	1 25
Elections and Registrations	175 00	140 00	35 00
Printing	600 00	499 88	100 12
Memorial Hall Maintenance	600 00	572 63	27 37
Totals	\$ 4,145 00	\$ 3,930 19	\$ 214 81

Protection to Persons and Property

Police	\$ 150 00	\$ 70 50	\$ 79 50
Fire Department	1,586 76	1,586 76	0 00
Sealer of Wgths. & Meas.	10 00	10 00	0 00
Moth Suppression	210 00	177 30	32 70
Dutch Elm Disease Control	205 00	193 42	11 58
Tree Warden	50 00	49 35	65
Inspection of Wires	25 00	5 00	20 00
Dog Officer	83 75	83 75	0 00
Civilian Defense	275 00	0 00	*275 00
Totals	\$ 2,595 51	\$ 2,176 08	\$ 419 43

*Carried over to 1956

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 0 00
Inspection of Animals	35 00	35 00	0 00
Inspection of Slaughtering	25 00	25 00	0 00
Totals	\$ 85 00	\$ 85 00	\$ 0 00

Highways

Chap. 81 Maintenance	\$ 13,200 00	\$ 13,199 21	\$ 79
Chap. 90 Maintenance	4,800 00	4,794 37	5 63

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Chap. 90 Construction

Contract 15,463	7,289 59	7,273 39	16 20
Contract 15,864	12,000 00	9,983 74	*2,016 26
Snow Removal & Sanding	3,700 00	3,262 86	437 14
Purchase & Maintenance	3,500 00	3,324 32	**175 68
Street Lights	429 00	429 00	0 00

Totals	\$ 44,918 59	\$ 42,266 89	\$ 2,651 70
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*Carried over to 1956

**Returned to Machinery Fund

Welfare and Charities

Old Age Assistance	\$ 10,816 54	\$ 10,790 10	\$ 26 44
Aid to Dependent Children	479 30	452 90	26 40
Disability Assistance	1,447 80	1,408 05	39 75
General Relief	1,295 76	1,284 58	11 18
Administration	355 19	220 24	134 95

Totals	\$ 14,394 59	\$ 14,155 87	\$ 238 72
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Schools and Education

Schools	\$ 35,890 43	\$ 34,295 02	\$ 1,595 41
Library	1,801 88	1,801 88	0 00
4- H Clubs	100 00	99 28	0 72
School Addition Account	375 67	375 67	0 00

Totals	\$ 38,167 98	\$ 36,571 85	\$ 1,596 13
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Cemeteries

Cemeteries	\$ 831 49	\$ 831 49	\$ 0 00
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Unclassified

Care of			
Town Common	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 0 00
Memorial Day			
Observances	100 00	100 00	0 00
Worc. County Retirement			
Assessment	458 64	458 64	0 00
Employee's Compensation			
Insurance	675 00	535 45	89 55
Veteran's Benefits	150 00	5 00	145 00
Fire Insurance	300 00	223 75	76 25
Miscellaneous	177 58	177 58	0 00
Maturing Debt	2,000 00	2,000 00	0 00

Interest on Maturing Debt	450 00	447 83	2 17
Totals	\$ 4,371 22	\$ 4,085 25	\$ 312 97
Total Appropriation Accounts	\$ 109,509 38	\$ 104,075 62	\$ 5,433 76*

Refunds — to unexpended balances

Highways - Purchase and Maintenance	\$ 1 00
Schools	48 43
Interest on Maturing Debt	57 83
Total refunds	\$ 107 26
Total unexpended balance	\$ 5,541 02

AMOUNTS PAID FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS

WITHOUT APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER

Account	Expended
Worcester County Retirement Payments	\$ 379 17
Worcester County Tax	1,738 76
Worc. County Tubercular Hosp. Assessment	774 42
Dog Tax, Paid to Worc. County Commissioners	316 20
Federal Withholding Tax	2,357 20
State Parks and Reservations	75 02
Excise Tax Refunds	205 07
Tax Levy Adjustments	184 40
Tax Title Account	2 00
Collector's Fees	11 41
State Audit	391 51
School Lunch Fund	2,968 10
Aerial Spraying (Gypsy Moth)	93 00
Emergency Flood Relief	6,878 92
Alden Fund	394 14
Total	\$ 16,769 32

Bequests

	Received	Deposited	On Hand
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 400 00	\$ 400 00	\$ 0 00

Loans

	Borrowed	Repaid	Carried Over
Highway Maintenance and Construction Loans			
Loan No. 1	\$ 12,000 00	\$ 12,000 00	\$ 0 00
Loan No. 2	12,000 00	0 00	12,000 00
Total of all expenses, deposits and loan repayments			\$ 133,244 94

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Departmental					
Aid to Dependent Children	\$	93 35			
General Relief Acct.	\$	689 85	783 20		
Aid to Highways					
Commonwealth	\$	13,794 35			
Worcester County		6,477 00			
Declared Emergency					
Flood Control Board	\$	3,557 97	20,271 35		
Under Estimates					
Worcester Cty. Tax	\$	185 76			
Reserve for Appropriation Machinery Fund					3,325 62
Reserved					
Overlay Surplus	\$	6,658 27			
Overlay 1954		23 88			
Overlay 1955		928 34			
Tax Title Foreclosure	\$				7,610 49
Appropriation Balances					178 00
Revenue	\$				2,291 26
Revenue — Reserved for Collection					
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$	296 70			
Tax Titles and Posses.		1,103 38			
Departmental		783 20			
Aid to Highways		20,271 35			
Library Petty Cash		10 00			
Surplus					22,464 63
					36,310 44
					\$ 92,751 94

Post War Rehabilitation	
Fund	1,000 00
Income	333 19
Henry Wright Park Fund	324 58
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	\$ 38,757 84

\$ 38,757 84

Respectfully Submitted,

W. G. CHAPMAN, Treasurer

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officer's Salaries

Appropriation		\$ 2,020 00
Paid To	Amount	

Town Clerk

Dorothy P. Day	\$ 150 00
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Selectmen

Roger H. Lonergan, Chairman and Clerk	\$ 150 00
Walter W. Nelson	100 00
John P. O'Donnell	100 00

Assessors

Chester M. Rood. Chairman	\$ 125 00
W. Francis Brennan	100 00
Ludwick Szczuka	100 00
Dorothy P. Day, Clerk	75 00

Board of Public Welfare

Donald C. Agar	\$ 25 00
Walter G. Chapman	15 00
Marguerite M. Troy	20 00
Roger H. Lonergan	15 00

School Committee

Philip E. Dwelly	\$ 25 00
Willard C. Rutherford, Chairman	50 00
Mary H. Parsons, Clerk	50 00

Moderator

Leroy C. Spinney	\$ 20 00
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Tax Collector

Walter G. Chapman	\$ 400 00
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Treasurer

Walter G. Chapman	\$ 400 00
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Auditor

O. Harold Erickson	\$ 100 00
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Total Expended	\$ 2,020 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 0 00
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Town Officers Supplies

Appropriation		\$	350 00	
Transferred from Fire Insurance			300 00	
Available		\$	650 00	
Expended for				
Supplies				
Hobbs & Warren	\$	58 89		
Davis & Bannister		9 74		
Yawman & Erbe		14 00		
Palley Office Supply		16 65		
Others		9 95		
Total	\$	109 23		
Purchase and Repair of Equipment				
Office Equipment Co.				
Repairing typewriters	\$	35 00		
Electric Adding Machine		220 00		
Total	\$	255 00		
Stamps, stationery, etc.				
Orton O. Butler		92 00		
Dorothy P. Day		12 10		
Total	\$	104 10		
Miscellaneous				
Worc. Co. Abs. Co.	\$	50 42		
Barre Publishing Co.		16 50		
Others		63 68		
Total	\$	130 60		
Total Expended			\$	598 93
Unexpended Balance			\$	51 07

Bonding Town Officers

Appropriation		\$	100 00
Expended for			
Bonding Treasurer and Tax Collector			
Robert Dea	\$	78 75	
Bonding Assistant Treasurer			
Robert Dea		10 00	
Bonding Deputy Tax Collector			
Robert Dea		5 00	

Bonding Town Clerk		
Healy Brothers	5 00	
Total Expended	\$ 98 75	
Unexpended Balance		\$ 1 25

Elections and Registrations

Appropriation		\$ 175 00
Expended for:		
Registering voters		
Dorothy P. Day	\$ 14 50	
State and Federal Census		
Yvonne Barr	30 00	
Ballot Clerks		
Marguerite M. Troy	9 00	
Annie C. Robinson	9 00	
Annie H. Beland	9 00	
Marion E. Butler	9 00	
Policing		
Leonard A. Hardy	9 50	
Total Expended		\$ 140 00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 35 00

Printing

Appropriation		\$ 600 00
Expended for:		
Annual Report, Barre Pub. Co.	\$ 430 17	
Discussion Meeting Pamphlets		
Rutland Training Center	9 00	
Misc. Forms, warrants sheets, etc		
Barre Publishing Co.	60 71	
Total Expended		\$ 499 88
Unexpended Balance		\$ 100 12

Memorial Hall Maintenance

Appropriation		\$ 600 00
Expended for:		
Electricity, Worc.Co . Elec. Co.	\$ 389 68	
Janitor service, Winthrop Boyd	120 00	
Repairs to lights and wiring		
Leroy C. Spinney	49 95	

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Piano tuning, C. Arthur Hanson	5 00	
Miscellaneous supplies, etc.	8 00	
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Total Expended		\$ 572 63
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 27 37

PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation	\$	150 00
Expended for:		
Salaries and Expenses		
Walter W. Nelson	\$	33 50
Walter E. Cole		21 00
Frederick G. Stone		16 00
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Total Expended		70 50
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Unexpended Balance	\$	79 50

Fire Department

Appropriation	\$	1,500 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		86 76
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Total Available	\$	1,586 76
Expended for:		
Purchase of Equipment		
U. S. Treasurer	\$	201 00
David G. Deane		227 70
Bowker Hamblin		58 25
Cities Service		24 09
Goodwin Fire Protection Co.		68 00
Wages fighting fires, etc.		
Payrolls 1 to 19 incl.		267 50
Light, heat, telephone, etc.		
Conant & Parker		24 56
E. P. Wine		247 50
Insurance		
Frank A. Smith & Son		392 29
Miscellaneous		
David Labonte		28 40
Ralph's Gulf Service		14 50
Others		32 97
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Total Expended	\$	1,586 76
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation	\$	10 00
		plus fees

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Expended for:

Inspecting scales and pumps			
Frederick G. Stone	\$	10 00	
Total expended			\$ 10 00
Unexpended balance			\$ 0 00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation			\$ 210 00
Expended for:			
Locating and destroying gypsy moth egg clusters			
J. Fred Allen	\$	31 20	
W. Francis Brennan		30 00	
Destroying webworm nests			
J. Fred Allen		94 50	
Total expended			\$ 177 30
Unexpended balance			\$ 32 70

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation			\$ 205 00
Expended for:			
Locating infected trees			
J. Fred Allen	\$	33 75	
Cutting down and destroying infected trees			
J. Fred Allen		95 85	
W. Francis Brennan		55 90	
Equipment and supplies			
Ross Bros.		6 60	
J. Fred Allen		1 32	
Total expended			\$ 193 42
Unexpended balance			\$ 11 58

Tree Warden

Appropriation			\$ 50 00
Expended for:			
Labor removing trees			
R. T. Young, Jr.	\$	14 00	
Percy Wilbur		10 80	
Edward H. Kennan		10 80	

Rental of power saw
R. T. Young, Jr.

13 75

Total expended	\$	49 35
Unexpended balance	\$	0 65

Inspection of Wires

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Expended for:		
Inspection of wiring and installations		
Ralph I. Downer	\$	5 00
Total expended	\$	5 00
Unexpended balance	\$	20 00

Dog Officer

Appropriation	\$	50 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		33 75
Available	\$	83 75
Expended for:		
Disposing of stray dogs		
Waclaw Smichinski	\$	32 50
Advertising - Dorothy P. Day		1 25
Dog officers wages and expenses		
Waclaw Smichinski		50 00
Total Expended	\$	83 75
Unexpended balance	\$	0 00

Civilian Defense

Appropriation	\$	50 00
Carried over from 1954		225 00
Available	\$	275 00
Expended - None		
Total Expended		0 00
Unexpended Balance	\$	*275 00
*Carried over to 1956		

HEALTH and SANITATION**Board of Health**

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Expended for:		
Medical supplies for polio inoculations		
A. E. Thmpson, Inc.	\$	9 90
Signs for Town Dump		
Walter W. Nelson		15 10
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Total Expended	\$	25 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Inspection of Animals

Appropriation	\$	35 00
Expended for:		
Inspection - W. Francis Brennan	\$	35 00
Total Expended	\$	35 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Inspection of Slaughtering

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Expended for:		
Inspection - W. Francis Brennan	\$	25 00
Total Expended	\$	25 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

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	Chap. 81M	Chap. 90M	Chap. 90C	Snow & Sand	Totals
Available	\$ 13,200 00	\$ 4,800 00	\$ 19,289 59	\$ 3,700 00	\$ 40,989 59
Expended for:					
Wages and Salaries	3,570 25	784 75	2,687 70	1,066 90	8,109 60
Town Owned Equipment	1,917 10	317 60	1,210 80	620 80	4,066 30
Hired Equipment					
Blake, Levi, Jr., truck and roller	125 00	91 00	230 00	121 00	567 00
Blake, Raymond, truck			102 00		102 00
Crawford, Roscoe, power saw	52 50		130 00		182 50
DeMarco, Michael, truck	431 75	89 25	1,487 50	367 25	2,375 75
Dermody, William, power saw			70 00		70 00
Jamara Bros., tractor and shovel	104 00	149 50	412 80		666 30
Jamara Bros., trucks	858 00	203 50	539 00	137 50	1,738 00
Kazemekas, Benny, truck	151 50		451 00		602 50
New Braintree, Town of, grader	705 00	60 00	217 50		982 50
Rutland, Town of, hone		25 00			25 00
Sykes, Edgar, bulldozer	123 00		1,116 00		1,239 00
Sykes, Edgar, truck	225 50		253 00	137 50	616 00
Wiley, James D., truck and roller	174 00	43 00	355 50		572 50
Young, R. T., bulldozer			132 00		132 00
Young, R. T., Jr., shovel	854 40		2,745 60		3,600 00
Young, R. T., Jr., truck	334 50	22 00	897 00	44 00	1,297 50
Young, R. T., Jr., compressor			1,166 20		1,166 20

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Materials and Supplies					
Blake, Geo. F., Inc.		153 90	57 31		57 31
Carluth Pine Co.					153 90
Curtis, R. T.			13 00		13 00
Doyle, John J. Co.		107 94			107 94
Equipment Co., The			100 22		100 22
Files Equipment Co.	83 55				83 55
Furnace Grain & Coal Co.		29 45	21 00		50 45
Hedge & Mattheis Co.			179 52		179 52
Holden Trap Rock Co.	18 46	118 69			137 15
Hume Pipe Co.			203 06		203 06
Independent Coal Tar Co.	2,710 19	1,990 24	549 98		5,250 41
International Salt Co.				436 41	436 41
Jamara Bros.	307 50	427 50	730 05	331 50	1,796 55
Loux, A. J.	18 62				18 62
Malleable Iron Fittings Co.			15 66		15 66
Miller, John			381 90		881 90
New England Metal Culvert Co.	10169	146 05			247 74
Smith Highway Equipment			72 00		72 00
Worc. County Trust Co.			166 83		166 83
Worc. Foundry Co.		35 00			35 00
Zukus, William	332 70		63 00		395 70
Total Expended	\$ 13,199 21	\$ 4,794 37	\$ 17,257 13	\$ 3,262 86	\$ 38,513 57

Purchase and Maintenance

(Machinery Account)

Transferred from Machinery Fund	\$ 2,500 00
Transferred at Second Meeting, July 18, 1955	1,000 00
Total Available	<hr/> \$ 3,500 00
Expenditures:	
Benoit Brothers	2 00
Blake, Geo. F., Inc.	52 28
Bleiler Equipment Co.	1,450 00
Caranci Oil Co.	31 45
Central Retreading Co.	12 80
Conant, Mary	4 93
Conant & Parker Telephone Co.	10 42
Day, Dorothy	17 13
Daniels, Ralph	16 50
Files Equipment Co.	31 85
Furnace Coal and Grain Co.	7 55
Goldstein & Gurwitz	263 54
Gulf Oil Corporation	470 65
Hardwick Farmers Co-op Exchange	46 80
Kelley Sq. Tire Co.	140 88
Klem Tractor Sales	6 35
Loux, A. J.	29 64
McGann Ford Sales	153 18
Quigley, Robert T.	5 15
Rutland Garage	50
Smith Highway Equipment Co.	180 48
Smith, Frank A. & Son, Inc.	290 37
Spinney, LeRoy C.	7 13
Western Auto Store	28 14
Worcester County Electric Light	12 60
Young, Gordon	52 00
Total Expended	<hr/> \$ 3,324 32
Unexpended balance returned to Machinery Fund	<hr/> \$ 175 68

Labor Report

Labor for 1955	\$ 8,109 60
R. T. Young, Jr., Supt.	\$ 1,524 00
Wilbur Percy	2,402 45

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Kennan, Edward H.	2,060 75
Barr, Stephen	151 75
Bullard, Ralph	52 50
Clough, Peter	818 55
Crawford, Roscoe	92 50
DeMarco, Michael	51 30
Dermody, William	15 00
Dwelly, Wesley	308 35
Hardy, Leonard A.	31 25
Miller, John	12 50
Ostiguy, Leo	575 10
Parsons, James B.	13 50

Machinery Fund

On Hand, January 1, 1955	\$ 2,582 64
Transferred to Machinery Account March 7, 1955	\$ 2,500 00
Transferred to Machinery Account July 18, 1955	1,000 00
Received for Machinery Rentals	
Truck	3,001 50
Tractor	969 80
Snow plows	60 00
Sander	35 00
Total Receipts	\$ 4,066 30
On Hand, December 31, 1955	\$ 3,148 94

Street Lights

Appropriation	\$ 396 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	33 00
Available	\$ 429 00
Expended for:	
Electric current	
Worcester County Electric Co.	\$ 429 00
Total Expended	429 00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 0 00

Emergency Flood Relief

Approval received from Director of Corporations and Taxation Herman B. Dine to spend up to \$10,000 for flood damage repairs.

Expended for:

Labor

R. T. Young, Jr., Supt.	\$ 190 75
Percy Wilbur, laborer	340 20
Edward H. Kennan, laborer	247 05
Stephen Barr, laborer	30 00
William Dermody, laborer	51 25
Wesley Dwelly, laborer	30 00
Leo Ostiguy, laborer	105 30
Michael DeMarco, laborer	29 70

Total Labor	\$ 1,024 25
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Equipment

Town of New Braintree, grader	\$ 427 50
Jamara Bros., $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. shovel	518 40
R. T. Young, Jr., $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. shovel	460 80
Jamara Bros., tractor backhoe	52 00
E. W. Sykes, bulldozer	258 00
R. T. Young, Jr., trailer	15 00
R. T. Young, Jr., truck	305 50
Jamara Bros., trucks	825 00
M. DeMarco, trucks	512 00
E. W. Sykes, trucks	477 00
B. Kazemekas, trucks	363 00
F. Robinson, trucks	34 00
J. Wiley, trucks	638 00

Total equipment	\$ 4,886 20
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Materials

William Zukus, gravel	\$ 260 60
John Robinson, gravel	144 00
Jamara Bros., gravel	118 20
Holden Trap Rock Co., coldpatch	149 88
Ind. Coal Tar Co., road oil	218 29

Total Materials	\$ 890 97
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Miscellaneous

C. B. Cleaners, cleaning catch basins	\$ 77 50
Total expended	\$ 6,878 92

Report of the PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Receipts

Old Age Assistance Appropriation	\$	6,000	00
Federal Grants accrued and paid		4,393	02
Balance in Fed. Acct. on 1-1-55		2,141	25
State Reimbursements on Advice of Audit		3,649	42
State O.A.A. Meal Tax		240	30
Refunds from Recipients		65	05
Reimbursements from Other Cities and Towns		31	91
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TOTAL			\$ 16,520 95

Expenditures and Estimates

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Recipients)	\$	9,944	04
Payments to Other Cities and Towns		846	06
Balance in Fed. Acct. on 12-31-55		1,782	78
State Reimbursement to Estimated Receipts		3,649	42
State O.A.A. Meal Tax to Estimated Receipts		240	30
Other Cities and Towns to Estimated Receipts		31	91
Returned to Revenue		26	44
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TOTAL			\$ 16,520 95

Year	Gross Expense	Reimbursements	Net Expense
1955	\$ 10,790 10	\$ 8,314 65	\$ 2,475 45*

*Include payment of \$836.39 to Boston for outstanding bill covering period 10-1-48 to 11-30-52.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Receipts

Disability Assistance Appropriation	\$	1,500	00
Federal Grants accrued and paid		751	45

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Balance in Fed. account on 1-1-55	654 68	
State Reimbursements on Advice of Audit	296 43	
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TOTAL		\$ 3,202 56

Expenditures and Estimates

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants (Recipients)	\$	1,408	05
Balance in Fed. Acct. on 12-31-55		758	33
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts		296	43
Transferred to Snow Removal Acct. on 12-30-55		700	00
Returned to Revenue		39	75
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TOTAL			\$ 3,202 56
Year	Gross Expense	Reimbursements	Net Expense
1955	\$ 1,408 05	\$ 1,047 88	\$ 360 17

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN**Receipts**

Aid to Dependent Children Appropriation	\$ 250 00	
Federal Grants accrued and paid	149 72	
Balance in Federal Acct. on 1-1-55	274 74	
State Reimbursements on Advice of Audit	150 97	
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TOTAL		\$ 825 43

Expenditures and Estimates

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants			
(Recipients)		\$	452 90
Balance in Federal Acct .on 12-31-55			195 16
State Reimbursements to Estimated			
Receipts			150 97
Returned to Revenue			26 40
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TOTAL		\$	825 43
Year	Gross Expense	Reimbursements	Net Expense
1955	\$ 452 90	\$ 300 69	\$ 152 21

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GENERAL RELIEF

Receipts

General Assistance Appropriation	\$	1,250	00
Administrative Refund		45	76
State Reimbursements for			
Unsettled Cases		633	75
Due from State		689	85
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TOTAL	\$	2,619	36

Expenditures and Estimates

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants			
(Recipients)	\$	1,209	58
Legal Services		75	00
State Reimbursements to Estimated			
Receipts		633	75
Due from State		689	85
Returned to Revenue		11	18
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TOTAL	\$	2,619	36
Year	Gross Expense	Reimbursements	Net Expense
1955	\$ 1,284 58	\$ 1,369 36	\$84 78 Cr.

QUABOAG WELFARE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE COST

Report for year 1955

Receipts from Towns:			
North Brookfield	\$	1,275	00
Hardwick		749	01
East Brookfield		389	16
Oakham		205	19
Refund		50	12
Receipts from Fed. Reimbursements		5,320	31
Receipts from State			
Reimbursements		3,697	50
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Total Receipts	\$	11,686	29

Expenditures

Salaries	\$	9,366	09
Travel		521	66

Postage	245 32	
Supplies	255 67	
Telephone	303 94	
Purchase of Equipment	346 30	
Repair of Equipment	72 55	
Repair and Alterations	30 84	
Miscellaneous	139 04	
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Total		\$ 11,281 41
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Cash on hand, December 31, 1955		\$ 404 88

Report of the OAKHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Year Ending December 31, 1955

Appropriated	\$ 35,890 43	\$ 35,890 43
Expenditures	34,246 59	

Unused Balance	\$ 1,643 84	
Receipts	14,635 76	

\$ 16,279 60

ACTUAL COST TO TOWN

\$ 19,610 83

Receipts:

Chapter 70	\$ 5,484 73	
Transportation	8,784 00	
Superintendent	193 33	
Vocational Aid	173 70	

\$ 14,635 76

Expenditures

GENERAL CONTROL

Superintendent	\$ 370 04	
Union Office Salaries	294 89	
Union Office Expense	209 30	
Census	15 00	

\$ 889 23

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Esther G. Hawkes	\$ 3,066 64	
Winifred B. Lane	2,799 92	
Helena K. Rutherford	2,799 92	
Dorothea S. Roth, Art	185 02	
Lawrence J. Lesser, Art	90 00	
Ruth S. Innes, Music	189 96	
Arnold M. Reppucci, Music	85 04	
Rinehart	200 00	
Elsie Havens	100 00	
Mary Parsons	10 00	
Lorraine Ream	85 00	
Beverly Rosenberg	10 00	
Charlotte Williams	40 00	

Textbooks	131 73	
Supplies	291 29	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,084 52

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Winthrop B. Boyd	\$ 520 00	
Floor brush	4 14	
Mop and wringer	8 75	
Liquid soap	8 70	
Bulbs and starters	22 60	
Spray	2 21	
Fuel - E. P. Wine	908 86	
Fuel - Lehigh Petroleum	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,480 76

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Barre Gazette	4 50	
Lee Conant	12 50	
Mary Conant	35	
Sumner Crawford	5 00	
Ralph I. Daniels	231 81	
William Fullam Co.	8 58	
Garfield Wright	39 45	
Garfield Wright (heating improvements)	1,788 33	
Donald Hardy	2 55	
Jamara Bros.	22 75	
Richard Morris	8 00	
Robert W. Quigley	80	
Leroy A. Spinney	7 75	
Waite's	6 60	
Washburn Garfield	159 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,298 22

AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Nurse - Brenda T. Sullivan	\$ 218 24	
Doctor - Channing H. Washburn	75 00	
Health Supplies	26 90	
Tuition - North Brookfield	2,064 00	
Wachusett Regional H. S.	5,537 63	
Worcester	346 90	
Transportation		
Leonard A. Hardy	\$5,080 00	
John O'Donnell	1,600 00	

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High School	4,410 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 19,359 07
OUTLAY		
New Equipment		
Shades	\$ 25 50	
Hose and nozzle	10 49	
Swings	70 54	
Miscellaneous (Town of Rutland)	1 00	
School Lunch	5 50	
Miscellaneous		
Embossing diplomas	2 80	
Programs	2 30	
Graduation music	5 61	
Comm. Exp. (Mr. Janes meeting at Swampscott)	11 05	
	<hr/>	\$ 134 79
TOTAL		<hr/> \$ 34,246 59

School Addition Account

Carried over from 1954		\$ 375 67
Expended for:		
Painting - Ralph I. Daniels	\$ 165 00	
Heating System - Garfield Wright	210 67	
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Total Expended		\$ 375 67
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$ 0 00

Libraries

Appropriation		\$	800 00
Plus Refund from Dog Taxes			223 00
Transferred from Income of Trust Funds			778 88
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Total Available		\$	1,801 88
Expended for:			
Heat and Lights			
E. P. Wine	\$	288 13	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.		28 20	
Books and Magazines			
Various publishers		354 33	
Wages and Salaries			
Lila Wilbur, Librarian		245 00	
Nancy Wilson, Assisting Librarian		12 00	
Winthrop Boyd, Janitor		100 00	
Maintenance and Repairs			
R. L. Whipple Co.	\$	585 36	
Ralph I. Daniels		108 00	
Misc. Supplies etc.		80 86	
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Total Expended		\$	1,801 88
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Unexpended Balance		\$	0 00

4-H Clubs

Appropriation		\$	100 00
Expended for:			
4-H Camp expenses,			
Worcester County 4-H Camp	\$	35 00	
Miscellaneous supplies		64 28	
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Total Expended		\$	99 28
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Unexpended Balance		\$	0 72

Cemeteries

Appropriation		\$	500 00
Transferred from Income of Trust Funds			331 49
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Total Available		\$	831 49
Expended for:			
Labor - Leonard A. Hardy	\$	597 45	

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Repair to Equipment - A. Mineault	34 00	
Others	16 12	
New Equipment, Walsh's Market (Power mower)	134 45	
Excavation - Jamara Bros.	12 00	
Office Expenses and Mileage Arthur Webb	21 50	
Misc. Supplies	15 97	
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Total expended	\$	831 49
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$	100 00
Expended for:		
Memorial Day Observances		
American Legion Post No. 378	\$	100 00
Total Expended	\$	100 00
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Worcester County Retirement Assessment

Appropriation	\$	458 64
Amount assessed the Town of Oakham by the Worcester County Commissioners and paid to the Treasurer, Worc. County	\$	458 64
Total Expended		458 64
Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Employees Compensation Insurance

Appropriation	\$	675 00
Expended for insurance		
Frank A. Smith & Sons	\$	585 45
Total Expended		585 45
Unexpended Balance	\$	89 55

Veterans Benefits

Appropriation		\$	150 00
Expended for dues	\$	5 00	
Total Expended			5 00
Unexpended Balance		\$	145 00

Care of Town Common

Appropriation		\$	60 00
Expended for mowing lawns			
Boy Scout Troop No. 144	\$	60 00	
Total Expended			60 00
Unexpended Balance		\$	0 00

Fire Insurance

Appropriation		\$	600 00
Transferred to Town Officer's Supplies			300 00
Available		\$	300 00
Expended for:			
Insurance on Town Hall			
Frank A. Smith	\$	134 94	
I. E. Irish		44 11	
Security System		29 40	
Town Garage - Smiley Kingsbury		15 30	
Total expended		\$	223 75
Unexpended balance		\$	76 25

Maturing Debt

Appropriation		\$	2,000 00
Paid to:			
Worcester County Trust Co.	\$	2,000 00	
Total paid			2,000 00
Unexpended balance		\$	0 00

Interest on Maturing Debt

Appropriation		\$	450 00
Paid to:			

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Worcester County Trust Co.	\$	447 83	
Total expended			447 83

Unexpended balance	\$	2 17
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Miscellaneous

Appropriation	\$	175 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		2 58

Available	\$	177 58
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Expended for:

Telephone - Conant & Parker Tel Co.	75 20
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Repairs to Town Clock	
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Bradford Cheney	73 38
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Dues	17 50
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Miscellaneous	11 50
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Total Expended		177 58
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00
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ACCOUNTS PAID FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS WITHOUT APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER

Worcester County Retirement Expenses

Amount Withheld from town employees and turned over to Worc. County Treasurer	\$ 366 90
Rebates returned to employees	12 27
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Total	\$ 379 17

Worcester County Tax

Amount assessed the Town of Oakham by the Worcester County Commissioners	\$ 1,738 76
Paid the Worcester County Treasurer from excess revenue	1,738 76

Dog Tax

Total amount of Dog Taxes collected by Town Clerk	\$ 341 80
Less fees retained by Town Clerk	25 60
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Net Return	316 20
Turned over to Worcester County Treasurer	316 20

Worcester County Tubercular Hospital

Amount assessed the Town of Oakham by the Worcester County Commissioners for care of patients and for maintenance of the Worcester County Tubercular Hospital	\$ 774 42
Paid the Worcester County Treasurer from excess revenue	\$ 774 42

Federal Withholding Taxes

Amount withheld from wages of town employees	\$ 2,357 20
Paid to Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	\$ 2,357 20

State Parks and Reservations

Amount assessed the Town of Oakham by the Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Maintenance of State Parks & Reservations	\$ 75 02
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Paid to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth from excess revenue	\$	75 02
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Excise Tax Refunds

Total amount of abatements paid to motor vehicle owners from excise tax receipts	\$	205 07
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Tax Levy Adjustments

Amount of poll taxes abated	\$	2 00
Amount of Real Estate taxes abated		
1952 tax levy		48 40
1955 tax levy		134 00
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Total amount of taxes abated	\$	184 40

Alden Fund

Withdrawn from income of Fund	\$	394 14
Expended for:		
Hospital supplies & medications	\$	136 14
Baskets of fruits, etc.		180 00
Flowers		60 00
Ambulance service		18 00
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Total Expended	\$	394 14
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Unexpended Balance	\$	0 00

Tax Title Account

Expended for recording instrument of taking Robert R. Gallagher	\$	2 00
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Collector's Fees

Expended for collection of taxes Edward B. Conroy, Deputy Sheriff	\$	11 41
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State Audit

Amount assessed the Town of Oakham for State audit of accounts	\$	391 51
Paid to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth from excess revenue	\$	391 51

Aerial Spraying (Gypsy Moth)

Amount assessed the Town of Oakham for aerial spraying for gypsy moth control	\$	93 00
Paid to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth from excess revenue	\$	93 00

School Lunch Food

On hand January 1, 1955	\$	353 48
Total amount received during 1955		3,442 85
Total expended during 1955 from receipts		2,968 10
On hand December 31, 1955		828 23

Selectmen's Reserve Fund

Appropriated from Overlay Surplus	\$	1,000 00
Transferred to:		
Street Light account	\$	33 00
Dog Officer account		33 75
Fire Department account		86 76
Miscellaneous		2 58
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Total transferred	\$	156 09
Unexpended balance returned to Overlay Surplus	\$	843 91

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs to meet in the town hall known as "Memorial Hall" on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at 12M at which time the polls will be opened and will be closed at 8 P.M.

Business meeting will open at 8 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To hear the annual report of the several town officers and to act thereon.

Article 2. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one member of the School Committee, one Library Trustee, one member of the Cemetery Committee, all for three year terms; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for a two year term; a Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, three Fence Viewers, and a Moderator for one year terms; and to see if the town will have its Selectmen act as the Board of Public Welfare, all on one ballot.

Article 3. To choose all the necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended: 1 Town Clerk, 3 Selectmen, 3 Assessors, 3 Board of Public Welfare members, 3 School Committee members, 3 Library Trustees, 3 Cemetery Committee members, 1 Moderator, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Treasurer, 1 Auditor and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Article 5. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and trucks used in repairing highways and

opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer, Collector, Town Clerk and their assistants.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as are necessary to pay charges, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the current fiscal year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town giving the note or notes of the town therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from the Overlay Surplus for the purposes of a Reserve Fund.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept any trust funds that may be left for the care of the cemeteries or other purposes.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,300 from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account, a portion of this to be used for the purchase of a new truck and the balance to be used for ordinary operating expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the improvement of Spencer and South Roads, under Chapter 90 Construction, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Oakham Civilian Defense Organization or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to pay the notes of the Town coming due during the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to pay the accrued interest due during the fiscal year on its outstanding Funded and Fixed Debt, and on any temporary loans which may be necessary during the year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to take \$8,000, or any other sum from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to be used to make improvements to the Center Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to make the following amendments to the Town By-Laws or take any action relative thereto:

CHAPTER IV

Removal of Soil

Section 1. No person shall remove any topsoil, loam, sand or gravel from any land in the town not in public use unless such removal is authorized by a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen, excepting when such removal shall be in conjunction with the construction of a building on the property or for the continued operation of an existing sand or gravel pit.

Section 2. No such permit shall be issued until an application therefor is filed with the Board and a public hearing is held thereon. The date, time, and place of such hearing shall be posted in three public places in the town at least seven days before the date of the hearing.

Section 3. The selectmen as a condition of granting

approval may require that the party removing any of the above materials from a property shall leave the property in a condition conforming with the specifications of the Board and may require that a bond or deposit be furnished in an amount to be determined by the Board in order to insure compliance with said specifications.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in at least three public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hand this ninth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

ROGER H. LONERGAN

WALTER W. NELSON

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

Board of Selectmen

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NOTES

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Leonard A. Hardy, Chief and Forest Fire Warden
Oakham 17-4

POLICE

Walter W. Nelson, Chief — Oakham 31-13
State Police, Holden, Valley 9-4431

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

W. Francis Brennan — N. Brookfield Vol. 7-2318

TOWN CLERK

Dorothy P. Day — Oakham 17-12

TAX COLLECTOR

Walter G. Chapman — Oakham 30

PUBLIC WELFARE

Quaboag Welfare District — N. Brookfield Vol. 7-6727

Board of Selectmen	Oakham 15
Center School	Oakham 15
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Selectmen meet Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month.

